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West Virginia's Destiny.

With the opening of the Greenbrier branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad for business, and the recent sale of 14,000 acres of coal and timber land by ex-Senator Camden, in Randolph and Webster counties, to an eastern syndicate, which will develop the property, and the immediate construction of a railroad to serve as an outlet for the products of this tract, West Virginia is closing the century with prime promises of a remarkable advancement with the coming of the new century, leading on to the achievement of her imperial destiny as one of the foremost states of the Union.

Nor are these all the symptoms of her approaching pre-eminence. Coming nearer home, that is nearer Wheeling, the consummation of the deal for coal land in this county, whereby 6,250 acres in Richland district, a few miles north of the city, were sold to a syndicate of Pennsylvania capitalists, for \$181,953, is one of the most cheering assurances of the future activity and enlarged prosperity of this section of the commonwealth. These evidences of progress and development in a community singularly blessed with bounties of nature and advantages of location with reference to the markets of the country, are being duplicated on a smaller scale throughout the length and breadth of the state—almost every week, and our rapid advancement is challenging the admiration and enlisting the interest of the capitalists and investors of other states.

On Common Ground.

While the Memphis Scimitar has read the riot act to two Tennessee congressmen for their opposition to the proposition to reorganize the Democratic party by purging the organization of Bryanism, and, incidentally, Populism, it is not very happy in recommending as one of the shibboleths of the regenerated Democracy "tariff reform," for tariff reform by the Democrats virtually means free trade, or getting as near to that destructive policy as possible. In other words the Scimitar advises the Democracy to renew its old warfare on the protective tariff policy of the Republican party.

Of course this will be no new propaganda. It will be more in line with what ex-President Cleveland has intimated should be done, "returning to first principles." The Scimitar, in an advisory capacity says: "As to trusts, the last word was not said last Tuesday. No doubt they constitute a live issue, and equally certain it is that the Democracy can be united in an effort to curb and regulate, if not to do away with them. There is a simple way to do this and one in entire accord with a Democratic principle enunciated before Bryan had been heard of outside of his own state, and which gave victory to the party under the leadership of Grover Cleveland. That is the principle of a tariff the trusts could have no safe monopoly of the home market, and with such monopoly they could not raise the prices of products at their own sweet will. They flourish only in high tariff countries, where they are secure against competition from without."

The able Memphis paper leans with a tower of Pisa inclination towards Bryanism, when it assumes that trusts have their sole life and license for existence because of the tariff. Such a paramount issue would have some of the odors of the Chicago platform clinging to it with Bryan's demagoguery to support it. It was clearly shown in the last campaign that the tariff did not foster trusts. Else why do they thrive in more strength and numbers in free trade England. And how do you blame the existence of the king of trusts, the Standard Oil Company, on the workings of the tariff when it does not derive any protection from it, flourishing under the Wilson-Gorman bill with the same vigor it does under the Dingley measure.

But the Scimitar will strike another obstacle if it insists in a war on a protective tariff in its own section. The southern states that were "for free trade have changed their faith on account of the blessings that industrial development has brought them, made possible only by the protective policy of the Republican party. Of one thing the Scimitar may be assured and that is the country is not going to return to the days of "hunger, horror and misery" inflicted on the people through the destructive workings of the Wilson bill, which darkened the land during the closing years of Cleveland's administration. The people simply won't have it—more especially since they are enjoying

the present quality of Republican prosperity nurtured by the Dingley bill.

Supreme Court and Philippines.

Interest in the case before the United States supreme court involving the legal position of this country in the Philippine islands has been heightened as the time draws near for the decision of the court on the subject. The question is whether the constitution extends of its own force over all territory under the jurisdiction of the United States. Pending the conclusions of the court a great deal of the speculation is going on as to what will happen in the event that the honorable justices maintain that the constitution does follow the flag, and in the meantime all legislation looking to the establishment of a permanent government in the islands is deferred until the opinion of the court is made known.

Attorney General Griggs' argument before the court in behalf of the present conditions seems to clearly establish the contention of the administration. He certainly established the fact that the practical construction put upon the constitution by the executive and congressional branches of the government for a hundred years has, with one partial exception, been uniform regarding acquired territory as neither bound nor privileged by that instrument until brought within its operation, either by express compact in the treaty or by act of Congress; and that acts of Congress do not apply to after-acquired territory until extended to it by subsequent legislative enactment.

It is said to be the opinion of the best lawyers that the supreme court must follow the policy of the early Congresses in dealing with the territories, that the provisions of the constitution do not extend in all cases of their own force over territory which has not been admitted to the circle of the states. In considering the probability of an adverse decision the New York Journal of Commerce says:

Several courses would be open to the United States for retaining their foothold in the Orient, in the face of a decision by the supreme court extending the tariff and other laws to all territory under the permanent jurisdiction of the United States. The constitution might be amended to meet the case. There would be no incoherence in the adoption of such amendments to the constitution, that would give the states and territories of the states would vote for the necessary amendment. Another alternative which might be adopted would be to bring the Philippines and American islands under the direction and protection of the United States. If American troops served in the Philippines and American advisers directed the fiscal and diplomatic policy of the islands, as British troops are employed in Egypt, and British advisers directed the Egyptian policy, security for investments and the maintenance of American influence against the exclusionist powers might be possible. There would be difficulties in the administration of the islands under this system, which might call for frequent American intervention in force. A recognized Filipino government, with a treasury and a permanent capital, however, might be more amenable in some respects to American influence than the fugitive bands of guerrillas who now sustain the phantom of a Filipino state.

The Hope of Industrial Peace.

The conference on arbitration and conciliation which met in Chicago under the patronage of the Civic Federation, was characterized in its closing hours by a lively passage at arms between the delegate from New Zealand and President Gompers, of the Federation of Labor. The New Zealand took the same exceptions the Intelligencer did to Gompers' remarks made on the opening day, claiming the right of labor organizations to strike "when they pleased, why they pleased, or merely because they pleased," the delegate declaring that such a contention was not liberty but license. While not defending the labor laws of New Zealand, which the Intelligencer pointed out some days ago were entirely unsuitable to industrial conditions in the United States, it appears that Mr. Gompers is somewhat too radical in his views. The colloquy, however, ended without any definite conclusion being reached.

The indications are that the conference has been productive of some good, however remote the results may be. It has at any rate served the purpose of calling attention to the necessity of bringing about a better understanding between employer and employee. In the resolutions passed it was declared, and perhaps wisely, that compulsory arbitration was not at this time a question of practical industrial reform, and that such systems as are in vogue, notably that of New Zealand, did not meet the requirements in this country.

The most pertinent and hopeful expression of the conference was its strenuous insistence that the proper time to arbitrate is not after a strike or lock-out has been inaugurated, but before it has begun. That declaration contains the essence of all the wisdom and discretion that can be summoned either to the aid of the employer, or for the real benefit of the employee. Negotiations on both sides after a strike has been instituted are necessarily embittered and hampered by the universal stubbornness of human nature. In conciliation, not contest, therefore, lies the best hopes of an industrial peace.

The Democrats and Populists in a certain section of North Carolina do not dwell like the brethren in other sections of the country in unity, if we may judge from the following references to the Democrats of Sampson county by the Wilmington Caucasian:

"The highway robber who sits by the road for his unsuspecting victim, or the chicken thief who crouches in the hen-house in the night-time, or, meaner still, the sheep thief who walks off with an innocent crying lamb on his back, any of these in the estimation of good people in a Christian community, would be regarded as honorable men and gentlemen compared to the meanly cunning cunning themselves the canvassing board of Sampson county."

This has so offended the Democracy that the chairman of the Sampson county committee has entered suit for libel against the Caucasian. As the truth is sometimes considered libelous the court may be perplexed to arrive at a decision.

Congress is indulging in the regular quadrennial pow-wow over changing the date for the inauguration of the President. Owing to the uncertain atmospheric conditions that cluster around the 4th of March the date ought to be moved up on account of the personal comfort and health of all concerned, if for no other reason.

Governor Mount, of Indiana, has promised that the members of the mob that lynched three negroes shall be vigorously prosecuted. If that is done and the parties are convicted something will

have been accomplished in vindicating the fair fame of the state and block the taunts of the southern states.

It is said that Governor Pingree contemplates deterring the Republican party because the legislature snubbed him and prominent invited guests scorned to partake of his Lucullan feast. Pingree, like Bryan, is troubled with megacephalous, and thinks he is the "whole thing." The best that can be said is, "let the erring brother depart."

With ex-President Cleveland declaiming against the false gods worshiped by the Democracy and agreeing with ex-President Harrison's views on the administration of government in our new possessions, Bryan will have some rich material to work on for the first issue of The Commoner.

Congressman Hopkins' congressional apportionment bill will likely fall in the house, as the Republican members refuse to caucus on it. West Virginia need not worry, for scarcely any sort of a bill proposed cannot rob her of an additional member of Congress.

Ex-President Harrison selected a very inopportune time to air his views on the constitution following the flag. The proprietors ought to have suggested a postponement until after the supreme court had decided the case.

It is reported from Washington that the President contemplates making very few changes in office holders after March 4, which will necessarily cause a sinking of the heart in the breasts of many aspirants.

The industrial and commercial aggressiveness of America is worrying foreign competitors, Germany expressing her fear that the United States will cut too large a figure in the Chinese trade.

The New Zealanders seem to have had a little bit the better of President Gompers in the Conciliation Congress.

Mrs. Sells, the celebrated divorcee, will not elevate the stage. For this decision many thanks.

The last Christmas of the century. Make it a good one.

The senate votes on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to-day.

The "swearing off" time is also approaching.

Kris Kringle knows his business.

Get your stockings ready.

A Joke Also on the Stork.

New York Press: There is material for any amount of fiction and drama in the predicament of the Binghamton woman who, for a joke on her husband, borrowed two new babies, placed them with her own, and on the poor man's return presented to him triplets. The joke was a lovely one, but, as jokes sometimes will, turned itself inside out into an alarming tragedy when the mother discovered that the three babies, which had been dressed alike for the hilarious occasion, had got their several identities inextricably entangled. Nobody could tell which from "other," and the denouement threw three women and a nurse of the usual comic opera intelligence into rapid hysterics.

This incident shows the reactionary and cumulative power of a joke. It began with a bright idea, which tickled the risibilities of three females, and ended in a frightful catastrophe which has engulfed the peace of three families. It was staged as a playful farce and developed itself into a problem play which sheds gloom four feet thick. It was intended as a joke on one mere man, and now, by the devilish ingenuity of fate, rolls itself up into a joke on his ingenuously wife, on two other women whose uncertainty is just as appalling, and one fearful nurse, and on three mewing infants with futures of hideous uncertainty. It is, incidentally, a joke on the father also, though the joy of the relief of his triple responsibilities has so far kept him from mental anguish.

Woman's bump of humor never fails to astonish man in the limitless scope of its possibilities. Her joke contains more expansive power than the pick dynamite. It is a fearful thing to encounter.

IS IT AN EPIDEMIC?

Vital Statistics Show an Alarming Increase in an Already Prevailing Disease—Are Any Exempt?

At no time in the history of disease has there been such an alarming increase in the number of cases of any particular malady as in that of kidney and bladder troubles now preying upon the people of this country.

To-day we see a relative, a friend or an acquaintance apparently well, and in a few days may be grieved to learn of their serious illness or sudden death, caused by that fatal type of kidney trouble—Bright's disease. Kidney trouble often becomes advanced to acute stages, before the afflicted is aware of its presence; that is why we read of so many sudden deaths of prominent business and professional men, physicians and others. They have neglected to stop the leak in time.

While scientists are puzzling their brains to find out the cause, each individual can, by a little precaution, avoid the chances of contracting dreaded and dangerous kidney trouble, or eradicate it completely from their system if already afflicted. Many precious lives might have been, and many more can yet be saved, by paying attention to the kidneys.

It is the mission of the Intelligencer to benefit its readers at every opportunity, and therefore we advise all who have any symptoms of kidney or bladder trouble to write to-day to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a free sample bottle of Swamp-Root, the celebrated specific which is having such a great demand and remarkable success in the cure of the most distressing kidney and bladder troubles. With the Swamp-Root will also be sent free a pamphlet and treatise of valuable information.

A Jackson Day Due.

Boston Herald: It is about time for our Bryanite friends to prepare to celebrate Jackson Day once more. With them that festival is a vagrant in the calendar, and rolls with the rolling year. It belongs to December as much as to January, and is as good in March as in June. However much cast down, the brethren should lift up their drooping heads and begin to make the programmes of food and speech for Jackson Day.

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REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Every woman that cries too much tries to get out of it by claiming she is "so nervous."

When a woman tempts a man he fails. When a man tempts a woman he "takes advantage of her weakness."

The average woman would be a lot rather have her husband lose a thousand dollars in his business than to have a looking glass fall off the wall.

It is probably the same instinct which makes a young woman like to trap girls into getting married as it is which makes her want to save souls at a revival.—New York Press.

Like Mr. Hoar, He Loved Him.

Washington Dispatch to Philadelphia Press: A member from West Virginia, in relating some of his campaign experiences, told of a fellow-congressman who came into the state to assist him in the campaign by making speeches. This particular congressman is known for his flowery language and fervid oratory. The West Virginian said his friend spoke for nearly two hours, and never touched upon the issues of the campaign, but for all that time indulged in oratorical pyrotechnics and extravagant eulogiums of the Republican party and its leaders. As a sample of superlative hyperbole the closing sentence of this orator's speech is given as follows: "If I had the arm of an Atlas I would climb the Alpine heights, snatch from the rocky cliff a giant fire and, dipping it in the lava of Vesuvius, would write in letters of living fire across the azure vault of heaven these words: 'McKinley I love you.'"

Most Destructive Weapon.

Chicago Record: General Mercier proposes to invade England with that terrible engine of modern warfare, the typewriter.

In Shadow.

God sets some souls in shade, alone; They have no daylight of their own. Only in lives of other men they see The shine of distant suns.

God knows. Content thee with thy night Thy greater heaven hath grander light To-day is close. The hours are small. Thou sit'st afar, and hast them all.

Lose the best joy, that doth but blind; Reach forth a larger bliss to find. Today is but the inch of time that spurs Us on to raptures of a thousand years.—A. D. T. Whitney.

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